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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PARM CCD UK  
SUBJECT: UNSSOD: UK PROPOSALS FOR NEW NEGOTIATING  
MACHINERY

REF: (A) LONDON 522, (B) STATE 009522

SUMMARY: POINTS REFTEL B WERE CONVEYED TO FCO ARMS  
CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT HEAD (MALLABY) JAN 13. MALLABY  
NOTED DRAFT UK PROPOSALS (REF A), INCLUDING UK INTENTIO  
TO CONSULT WITH EC AND NATO, NOW HAD FINAL MINISTERIAL  
APPROVAL, BUT THAT IN DEFERENCE TO U.S. VIEWS HE WOULD  
MODIFY PRESENTATION ON CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP POINT.  
MALLABY ALSO PROVIDED TEXT OF UK DRAFT PROGRAM OF  
ACTION (SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL B WITH FCO'S MALLABY THIS  
MORNING. AFTER WE STRESSED DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE FOR  
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BRITISHNOT TO RAISE THEIR PROPOSAL ON POSSIBLE NEW  
MACHINERY AT MEETING OF THE NINE, MALLABY POINTED OUT  
THAT FINAL MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF UK PACKAGE HAD BEEN  
OBTAINED LATE JAN 12. THUS, MALLABY WAS IN EFFECT  
INSTRUCTED TO RAISE UK SUGGESTIONS AT EC AND NATO MEET-  
INGS. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF U.S. PREFERENCE, HE WOULD  
MODIFY BRITISH PRESENTATION TO OUTLINE PROBLEM THEY SEE

DEVELOPING AT UNSSOD AND TO SET FORTH UK VIEWS ON MODIFICATIONS TO CCD AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF WAY PROBLEM COULD BE HANDLED. HE WILL NOT GO INTO CO-CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT NON-ALIGNED MAY ALSO DESIRE CHANGES IN PRESENT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP STRUCTURE.

2. MALLABY READ FROM PAPER PREPARED FOR MINISTERS TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON BRITISH CONCEPT OF NEW DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. HE DESCRIBED OVERALL UK OBJECTIVE AS DEVISING A WORKABLE BODY OF REASONABLE SIZE, ABLE TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUS DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS WITH REASONABLE EFFICIENCY. THE RATIO OF WESTERN PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE PRESENT CCD; THE NON-ALIGNED SHOULD BE ACTIVE BUT NOT BE ABLE TO DICTATE TO THE DEVELOPED WORLD.

3. ON TACTICS THE UK SEES SOME ADVANTAGE IN PRE-EMPTING INEVITABLE NON-ALIGNED IDEAS BY PUTTING FORWARD A MANAGEABLE PROPOSAL EARLY IN THE GAME. LEADING THE DISCUSSION, RATHER THAN FOLLOWING IT, HAS APPEAL FOR THE UK IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TERMS.

4. IN COMMENTING ON DEPT'S RATIONALE, MALLABY SAID HE IS PESSIMISTIC THAT CCD SESSION WILL PRODUCE ENOUGH RESULTS TO DETER NON-ALIGNED FROM PRESSING FOR CHANGES IN DISARMAMENT MACHINERY AT UNSSOD AND ESTIMATES THAT

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"GROUNDSWELL" AMONG NON-ALIGNED FOR SUCH CHANGES IS ALREADY VISIBLE. HOWEVER, HE UNDERLINED (PER REFTEL A) THAT BRITISH ARE OPEN TO FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH ALLIES BOTH ON SUBSTANCE AND TACTICAL USE OF PROPOSALS AT UNSSOD.

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